



Help Desk - Moose International

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Bulk E-mail December 4, 2008 Special Events Coverage, Membership Opportunity, 2009 Convention Registration, Moose Snacks

Information Regarding Special Events Coverage In the short time since special event coverage was mandated, we already have pending litigation against a Lodge arising out of a fight during a "Special Event". This lodge had previously purchased special event coverage for prior events, but for whatever reason, the coverage was not obtained for the event in question. This lodge is now on the hook for potentially a million dollars plus legal fees.

Lodges obtaining special events coverage are purchasing it at a pace indicating that fewer than 2,000 special event gatherings occur fraternity-wide in an entire year. That's just slightly over one special event, per lodge, per year. It is highly suspect that we do not have more of these events when some Lodges are holding two or more of these per week!

Anytime a gathering of people, members and/or non-members, meet in a Lodge facility, for an organized purpose that is not directly Moose related - such as a birthday party, graduation party, post-funeral gathering, wedding reception, family reunion or any number of other non-Moose purposes - AND alcohol is consumed by any of those people, it probably is a "special event" and special event coverage is required.

In most cases, if any pre-planning and/or reservation of the Lodge's facilities is required on the part of a member, regardless of whether the facilities are provided for free or at a fixed price, AND alcohol is sold, given away or provided in any manner to persons attending this function, it's a "special event". If a Lodge is not certain whether special event coverage is required, they should contact the Legal and Risk Management Department at (630) 859-2000 x6637.

Slow Economy Is A Membership Opportunity Is your Lodge or Chapter wallowing in self pity at a recent decline in members and revenue? If so, WHY? Economic downturns have provided our fraternity, time and again, the opportunity to thrive. Our Lodges are better suited than most businesses to be able to offer affordable meals and activities that not only satisfy our current members, but attract new ones. In some locations, maybe it's time to trade the steaks and shrimps for soups, sandwiches, spaghetti and meatloaf. Promoting and providing quality, affordable "comfort" food may be the right alternative for your Lodge and Chapter.

2009 Chicago International Moose Convention Registration Is Now Open
Registration for the 2009 International Moose Convention and Women of
the Moose Conference, May 22-27, 2009 in Chicago, is now available
on-line at

<http://www.mooseintl.org/portal/Convention/materials/2009-Chicago.asp>.

Or, you can register by FAX or mail using the form in the
November/December/January issue of the Moose Magazine. NEW this year --
if mailing or FAXing a form -- a LOOM member and a WOTM member can now
register using the same form. If registering as a single, the entire
form must be returned. Complete details of the convention activities can
be viewed on-line or in the Moose Magazine.

Moose Snacks Available For Shipping in Just Four Weeks Your Lodge or
Chapter can be among the first to participate in the new Moose Snack
Program. This program features single serving sized packages that are
ideal to be sold in the social quarters. Larger bags, more suitable to
fundraising projects, are also available. For additional information and
order forms, please visit

<http://www.mooseintl.org/portal/news/2008-MooseSnacks.asp>.

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